

Corrected Amendments to the Claims Section of Response filed August 15,
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Please amend claims 24, 45, and 47 as follows.

1-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system comprising:

a telecommunication network;

a first station; and

a plurality of second stations;

wherein the first station is configured to request a connection with at least one of said plurality of second stations, said connection request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station,

wherein the telecommunication network comprises at least one store configured to store location information for at least some of said second stations and a selection unit configured to select at least one of the second stations for connection when said connection request is received in dependence on the location information stored in the store and the location criteria in the received connection request,

wherein the telecommunications system is further configured to connect the first station to the at least one second station selected by the selection unit.

25. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the at least one store is further configured to store location information for at least some of said second stations or said first station.

26. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, further comprising at least one processor configured to provide location information for at least some of said second stations or said first station.

27. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is configured to attempt to initiate a connection with any second station satisfying the location criteria.

28. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station is configured to initiate a connection with a second station satisfying the location criteria and falling in a predetermined group of second stations.

29. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein a predefined location criteria is associated with the predetermined group.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group has a predetermined identifier associated therewith.

31. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the predetermined group is defined by the user of the first station.
32. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a determination unit configured to determine which stations satisfy the location criteria.
33. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein information as to which second stations satisfy the location criteria is sent to the first station.
34. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the first station comprises a selection unit configured to select said at least one of said second stations based on said information.
35. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determination unit is configured to define an order in which connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria are to be attempted.
36. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 32, wherein the determination unit is configured to attempt connections to second stations satisfying the location criteria randomly.

37. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said second stations is configured to prevent a connection with the first station if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of the at least one second station.

38. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of said second stations is configured to permit a connection only with predefined first stations if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of said at least one second station.

39. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein a second station satisfying the location criteria receives a message indicating that a first station wishes to make contact therewith.

40. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 39, wherein the second station receiving said message is configured to indicate if the call is to be accepted.

41. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said connection request comprises information identifying at least one second station and a call is made between said first station and the identified at least one second station only if the location criteria is satisfied.

42. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 41, wherein if the second station does not satisfy the location criteria at the time the connection request is made, the system is configured to make the call at a subsequent time when the second station satisfies the location criteria.

43. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the first station or at least one of said second stations is a mobile terminal.

44. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said first station or at least one of said second stations is a fixed terminal.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a telecommunications system comprising a telecommunication network, a first station and a plurality of second stations, the method comprising:

defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station;

requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said criteria;

~~determining at the telecommunication network which of said second stations satisfy said criteria; and~~

selecting, within a selection unit of the telecommunication network, at least one of the second stations for connection when said connection request is received independence

on stored location information and the location criteria in the received connection request; and

establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria[[]].

~~selecting, at the telecommunication network, at least one of said second stations satisfying said criteria in dependence on stored location information; and~~

~~connecting the first station to the at least one second station selected by the telecommunication network.~~

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system comprising:

a telecommunication network;

a first station;

a plurality of second stations;

defining means for defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station;

requesting means for requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said criteria;

~~determining means for determining at the telecommunication network which of said second stations satisfy said criteria; and~~

selecting means for selecting at least one of the second stations for connection when said connection request is received in dependence on stored location information and the location criteria in the received connection request; and

establishing means for establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria.

~~selecting means for selecting at the telecommunications network, at least one of said second stations satisfying said criteria in dependence on stored location information; and~~

~~—— connecting means for connecting the first station to the at least one second station selected by the telecommunication network.~~